



WASPSNEWS

Little Mountains

2008 Newsletter

ITS GETTING THERE.....

This will be the third year that I have been running the water and many of you will have witnessed the significant changes in the appearance of the venue and the increase in fish stocks.

FISH STOCKS

The fish stocks in the first year were increased by adding a selection of perch, rudd and roach (some up to 10" long). Last year I added bream, tench and crucian carp and this coming season I hope to get some more larger roach and crucians.

THE SWIMS

All of the swims on the front lake are fronted with railway sleepers for safety and to prevent bankside erosion, paving slabs have been dug in for comfort and in addition to this, most of the swims are now provided with hand rails and proper steps to aid access and safety.

ACCESS

The access tracks and pathways around the lake have been cleared to give vehicular access around the back lake, however there have been occasions when access around the lake has been prevented by members blocking the tracks & paths with their vehicles, brollies, bivies and tackle. Therefore it is now mandatory that the track & pathways be kept clear at all times and that cars are parked in designated car parking areas only.

Remember that driving to the rear lake is only allowed in the **DRY SUMMER MONTHS ONLY**

FISH WELFARE

Several fish were caught last year with mouth damage probably caused by fish getting stuck in the reeds etc. To reduce this the reeds have been poisoned and cut back. Extreme caution must be taken when fishing close to reeds or snags and a new rule introduced restricting anglers to only casting no further than halfway across the lake. Another risk to fish safety is members wandering away from their rods whilst fishing, this is not only dangerous for the fish but against the law. Therefore anglers must not be more than 3 metres of their rods..

SUBTLE REMINDER

The club is primarily for adults, where children are permitted (and encouraged) provided that they behave in a quite manner and do not disturb other anglers. Enough said on that matter.....

NEW TIMES

There have been complaints from the residents in the nearby houses that members have been using the track at unreasonable times. Therefore the access times are now changed to 6am till 9pm, failure to comply will result in immediate expulsion from WASPS.

FEEES

All of the work that has been carried out, the water rental and the fish stocking has severely hammered my bank account and I am therefore forced to increase the fees to £40 for Adults and £60 for family membership.

WORK PARTIES

Work party scope this year will include the repair work on the track, cutting a few steps to some swims, an emergency toilet and clearing the swims on the back lake.

PLANTS WANTED

Most of the overhanging branches which were in the lake have been removed, but in order to create suitable fish cover areas we will need to plant these areas with lilies and reed beds (short length reeds). If any member has access lilies, reeds or water iris, or knows somebody who has some they want to get rid of please let me know.

MEMBERS UPDATE

Dave Joyce had heart surgery at the end of last year and is making a good recovery, so hopefully he will be out again when the weather warms up. Sadly our first member Terry Lazell died this month after a battle with cancer.

THANKS

Finally, thanks to all the members who attended the work parties and have helped it transforming a neglected and virtually inaccessible lake into a water we can all be proud of and consider to be our water.

Special thanks must be given to Dusty Miller who brought down a digger and cleared the end of the front lake, cut the new pathway and created the jetty swim. Special thanks must also go to Richie Hughes for creating the two stunning new swims on the front lake and for the help he has given me cutting trees, clearing reeds and brambles etc over the last few weeks.